SIR GEORGE WILLIAMS COLLEGE

1930-31

Twelve hundred and twenty-three different men and women, boys and girls attended the College during the past academic year. It is very gratifying to know that interest and enrolment has been maintained at the level of the previous year, in the face of the difficult conditions of the past winter. The students were registered in the various divisions, as follows:

	1931	1930	1929	1928
College of Arts, Science and Commerce	77	30	0	0
High School	450	378	332	288
Institute of Business & Technology ...	501	563	508	439
Grammar School	172	235	180	178
School of Art	23	0	0	0
Totals	1223	1206	1020	905

It is interesting to note, that, whereas our registration has been adversely affected, by the depression, in the Grammar School and in the unit business courses, a substantial increase in enrolment has been achieved in the higher curricular programmes of the High School and College.

A major change in the College situation during the year has been the occupation of the new space and use of new equipment, provided under the expansion programme. A total of 30 classrooms are now available for use, with two science laboratories, a science lecture room, a general lecture hall, and adequate lighting and ventilation. Provision has been made for about two thousand students. A word should be said concerning the provision, in the expansion programme, of facilities for the proper teaching of the sciences. It would be difficult to over-emphasize the influence of the science work, which will now be possible, upon the whole programme of our curricular schools. Over four hundred students, this year, are enrolled in science courses. General science, chemistry, physics and biology are considered not as masses of facts to be acquired, but as avenues to new worlds, infinite and teeming with beauty.

The following information, regarding the student body, is interesting. The ages of the students range from 12 years to 52 years; the average age is 20 years; i.e., half the students are 21 years or over and half 20 years or under. The places of birth of our students represent 32 countries. The religions of the students are as follows:

Protestant	71.17%
Roman Catholic	15.76%
Hebrew	12.07%
Others	1.00%
	100.00%

The staff of the College now exceeds fifty persons. Many of the instructors are becoming interested in the study of our educational problems and are associating themselves in various ways with projects which have to do with

the quality of our educational processes.

A number of the final year students in the high school were particularly successful at the Junior and Senior matriculation examinations at McGill University. Seven students achieved a mark of over 90% in the various subjects. One student secured 100% in the geometry paper and 98% in physics. A student in the first year of our College course took first place in the senior examinations at McGill. This student, employed during the day, took the entire first year university course in one year of evening study in our own classes.

We are particularly pleased to record our deep appreciation of the interest and generosity of the late Abner Kingman, Esquire. Mr. Kingman, before his decease, established a scholarship fund which will provide, in perpetuity, five annual scholarships of the value of fifty dollars each.